

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In the Application of	)	Confirmation No.: 9828
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RICARDO ALEXANDER GOMEZ	)	Art Unit: 3739
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Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR	)	Examiner: M. J. Kasztejna
PROTECTING THE DISTAL LENS OF	)	
ENDOSCOPES	)	
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Serial No.: 10/826,869	)	
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**LETTER TO SUBMIT REPLACEMENT DRAWINGS**

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Submitted herewith are five (5) Replacement sheets of formal drawings, Figs. 1-9, for the above-identified patent application.

No changes or new matter has been added to the drawings, they are being submitted to correct a technical issue. Should there be any objection to the formal drawings submitted herewith, it is requested that Applicant's undersigned attorney be contacted to discuss the matter.

Applicant believes no fees are due for the submission of this letter, however, if it is determined that a fee is required, it may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 13-0235 maintained by Applicant's attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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